

following officials of the Department of the Interior: R.M. Johnnie Burton, Director, Minerals Management Service; Mark Myers, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; Jim Hughes, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Brent Wahlquist, Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation Enforcement; and Frederick Norbury, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, USDA.

#### **OVERSIGHT—NOAA-U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE BUDGET**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request for NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.) Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and H. Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

#### **OVERSIGHT—OFFICE OF INSULAR AFFAIRS BUDGET**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request for the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. Testimony was heard from David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and the following Governors: Togiola T. A. Tulafono, American Samoa; and Felix Perez Camacho, Guam.

#### **OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND FOREST SERVICE BUDGETS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Abigail Kimbell, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and Jim Hughes, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

#### **NATIONAL SECURITY FOREIGN INVESTMENT REFORM AND STRENGTHENED TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule with a preprinting requirement. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 556. National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking

Minority Member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clause 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered for amendment by section and that each section shall be considered as read.

The rule also makes in order only those amendments to the amendment in the nature of a substitute that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or with instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank, Representatives Maloney of NY, and Paul.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Bradley S. Barton, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D207)

H.R. 742, to amend the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, to extend the term of the Antitrust Modernization Commission and to make a technical correction. Signed on February 26, 2007 (Public Law 110-6)

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine AMTRAK 2008, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to provide an overview of the President's proposed budget for fiscal